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Colombia, Mexico, Spain, United States of America and Venezuela: draft resolution

El Salvador

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions on the situation in Central America and, in particular resolution 51/199 of 17 December 1996, by which it, inter alia, decided that the responsibilities of verification and good offices entrusted to the United Nations should be executed through periodic visits to El Salvador by a high-level envoy from New York, who would keep the Secretary-General informed on a regular basis, and that the envoy would be assisted for a period of six months in the discharge of those responsibilities by a small support unit in El Salvador, working with the administrative support of the United Nations Development Programme,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General of 1 July 1997 containing an assessment of the peace process in El Salvador,[1]

Paying tribute to the efforts that have been made by the people of El Salvador to achieve the general objectives of the peace process established by the Government of El Salvador and the Frente Farabundo Marti para la Liberación Nacional (FMLN) as contained in the Geneva Agreement of 4 April 1990,[2]

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[1] A/51/917.

[2] A/45/706-S/21931, annex I.

Paying tribute also to the contribution made by the various United Nations mission in El Salvador - the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador, the Mission of the United Nations in El Salvador and the United Nations Office of Verification in El Salvador; as well as the support unit and the envoy of the Secretary-General to the implementation of the peace accords in El Salvador,

Welcoming the progress made in the past five years towards a society characterized by democracy, the rule of law and respect for human rights,

Acknowledging with gratitude the contributions of Member States that have made available personnel and voluntary funding to the support unit for the envoy of the Secretary-General in El Salvador and to technical assistance projects in support of the peace process,

1. Welcomes the continuing commitment of the Government and people of El Salvador to the consolidation of the peace process;

2. Urges all concerned to continue working together to complete the implementation of the peace process in El Salvador without delay;

3. Decides that, taking into account the recommendation contained in the report of the Secretary-General, the support unit for his envoy in El Salvador should be closed down as a separate entity, as it has concluded its mandate;

4. Welcomes the proposal of the Secretary-General to assign two international Professionals and two local consultants as a unit under the administrative structure of the United Nations Development Programme, for a period of six months, funded by the available balance under the Trust Fund for the Mission of the United Nations in El Salvador, to follow up on the outstanding elements of the peace accords, while the verification and good offices responsibilities of the Organization would continue to be carried out from New York;

5. Emphasizes the importance of the continued cooperation of the various agencies, offices and programmes of the United Nations system active in El Salvador in the consolidation of the peace process;

6. Calls upon Member States and international institutions to maintain their political, technical and financial support to the efforts of the Government and people of El Salvador to promote peace, freedom, democracy and development in that country;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to keep it informed of further developments in the implementation of the peace process in El Salvador, as he deems appropriate.